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Ronald M. James
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Subject: Section 106 Review of Planned Cleanup at the Carson River Superfund Site - Dayton and Silver City, Nevada

Dear Mr. James:

As we discussed in a telephone conversation on August 7th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to excavate up to two feet of mercury-contaminated soil in two residential areas in Dayton, Nevada and a third residential area in Silver City, Nevada. The excavated areas will be replaced with clean fill. The contaminated soils include mill tailings from 19th century millsites where mercury was used to process gold and silver ore. In accordance with the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), we have begun a Section 106 review of the subject project.

The areas to be excavated are part of the Carson River Superfund Site.

We are currently trying to identify historic properties that may be present in the "area of potential effects," which consists of three areas delineated in the enclosed maps. The three areas are:

- * the shaded areas designated MS 004-SA-2 and MS 001-SA on Figure 4 (enclosed); and

- * the shaded area designated MS 030-SA on Figure 5 (enclosed).

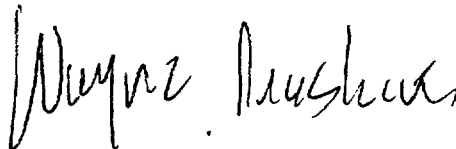
The other shaded areas on Figure 4 were areas considered but later excluded from the cleanup. In the next month, we expect to more precisely delineate the boundaries of the three areas requiring remediation as we analyze additional soil samples for the presence of mercury.

In accordance with 36 CFR §800.4(a)(1), we would appreciate receiving from your office all information available to you on historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking (including data concerning the likelihood that unidentified

historic properties exist in the area), names of public or private organizations known to you that are likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area, and suggestions on further actions we should take to identify historic properties that may be affected. If, as we discussed on the telephone, you believe that we should obtain a qualified archeologist to review the areas, please provide any available lists of qualified individuals or firms.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me by letter or call (415) 744-2256.

Sincerely,

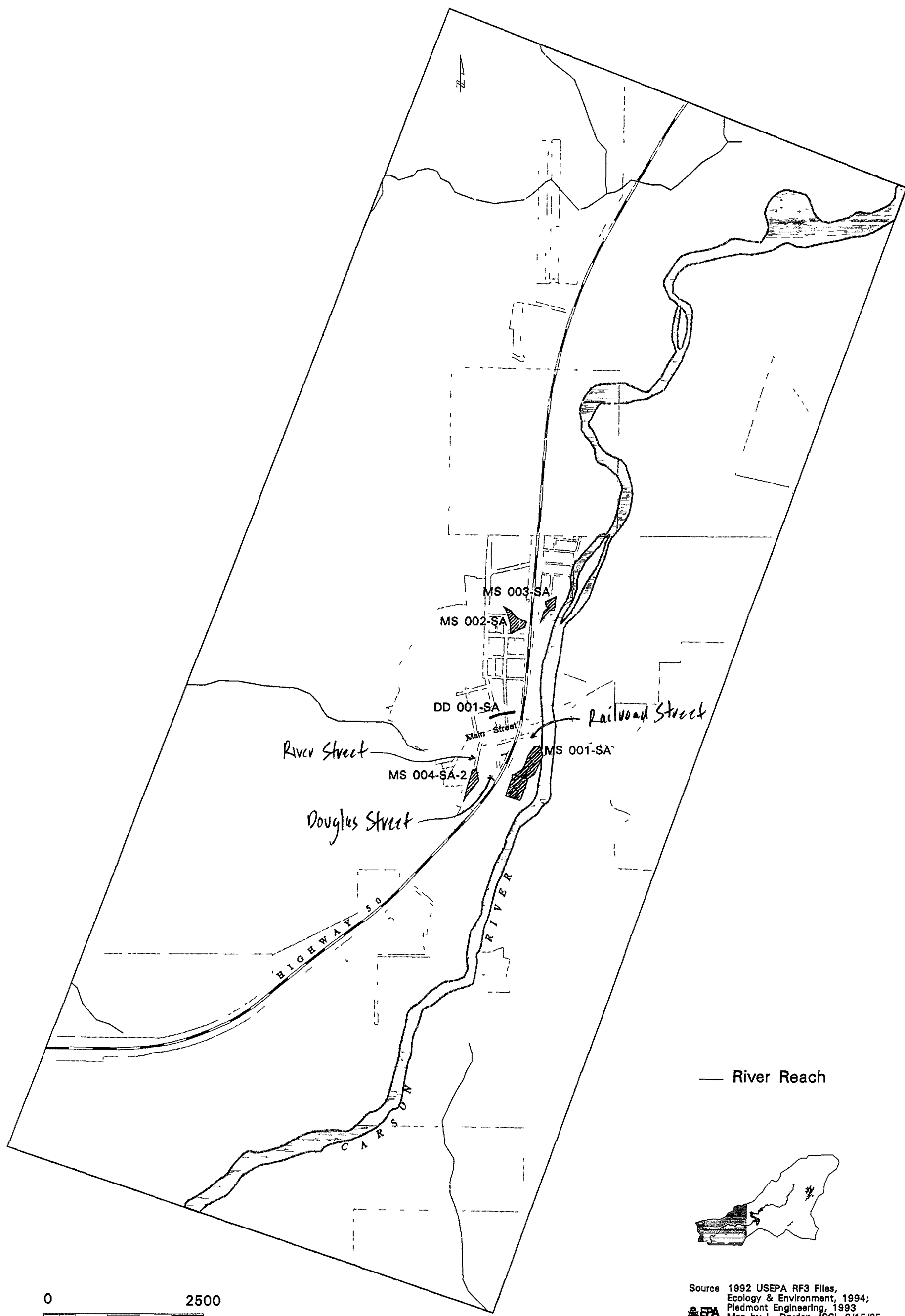
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wayne Praskins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" being more prominent than the last name "Praskins".

Wayne Praskins
USEPA Superfund Program
Project Manager

Enclosure

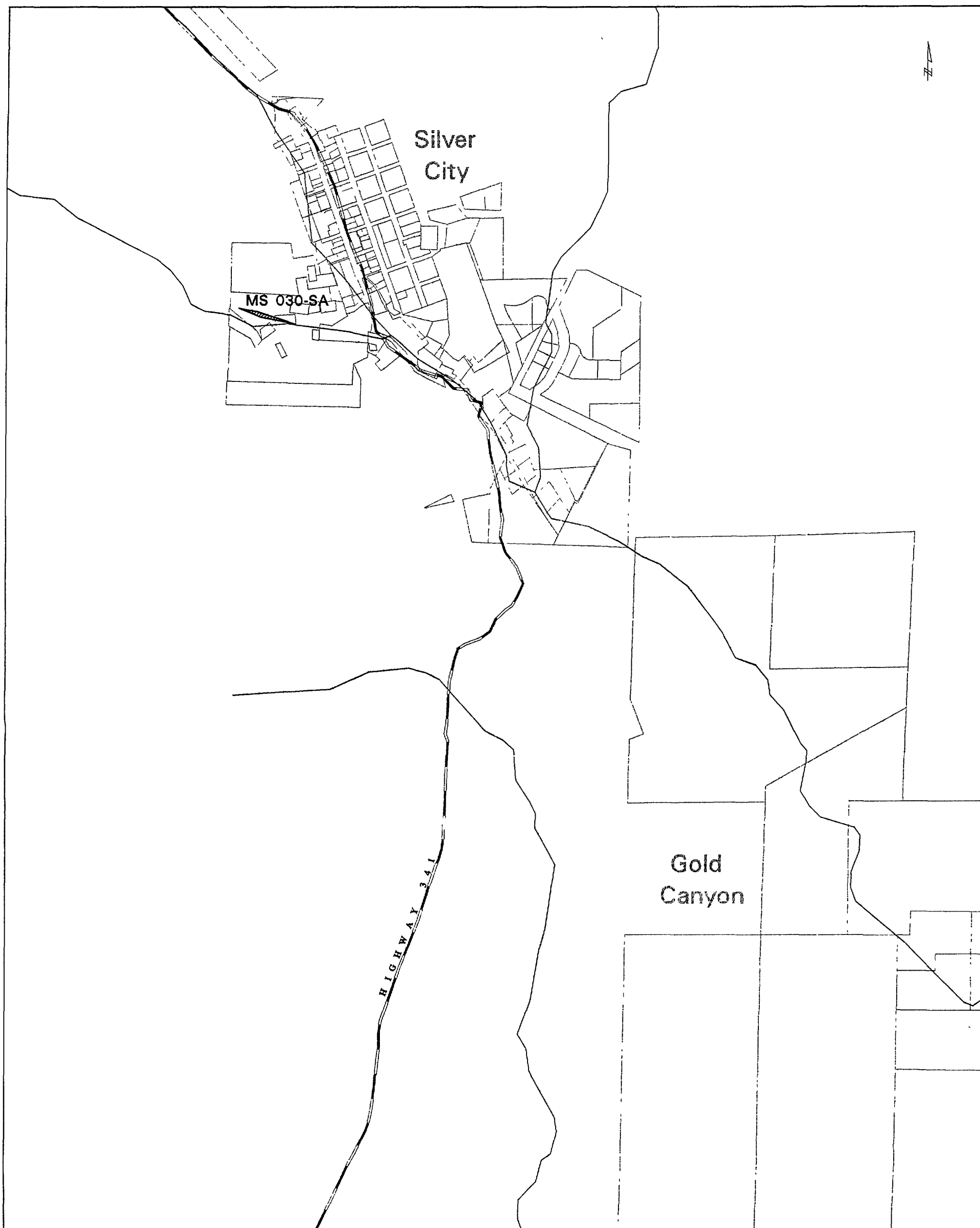
cc: Allen Biaggi, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

ACTIONABLE AREAS DAYTON



Source 1992 USEPA RF3 Files,
Ecology & Environment, 1994;
Piedmont Engineering, 1993
Map by L. Dryden, ISSI, 3/15/95.

FIGURE 4



ACTIONABLE AREA SILVER CITY



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Feet

— River Reach

FIGURE 5